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Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 31.—By a decision of the circuit court here a strip of land twelve miles long and two miles wide, adjoining this city becomes "no man's land."

The strip was originally a part of Indian Territory, and was allotted to the Choctaw nation, but was ceded by congress to Arkansas in order to allow local authorities to have police jurisdiction over it, as it had become a refuge for felons.

The failure of Arkansas to accept the land by an amendment to its constitution is given by the court as a reason for its ruling, which holds that the boundary line of 1880 is still in effect. The constitutional convention of Oklahoma declared the strip a part of that state.

For twenty years the local courts here have tried crimes committed in the strip, and there are now more than fifty men serving sentences on conviction in Arkansas courts for crimes committed in the disputed territory. In later days eighty-eight men were hanged in the strip, after being sentenced by Federal Judge Parker here.

The property sits on the Arkansas and Missouri rivers, and is valued at \$2,000,000. Many factories, a million dollar bridge, a water plant, and a number of houses will be affected by the court's decision, which holds that all taxes paid for the past twenty years were illegally levied.

It is understood that Oklahoma's title to the strip will be disputed in the United States supreme court.

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MILSTONES AND PERSISTENCY IN ADVERTISING

Did you ever ride along a road marked by milestones? Easy matter to find your destination, wasn't it? Then, did you ever ride, depend on the milestones for guidance and have them suddenly stop? Hard to find your way, wasn't it? If you hadn't had some particular reason for going on you no doubt would have turned off at one of the better paved cross roads.

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But the line of golden milestones—advertisements—must be unbroken, else the prospective buyer will turn aside to one of the easier-to-know-what-he-has merchants—the fellow who through his regular "store news" keeps customers informed as to what he has that they want.

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The Best New Year Resolution (Edwin Markham, in "Success Magazine")

The noblest resolution that any citizen could make for the New Year would be the resolution to live more faithfully by the Golden Rule, that sublime principle of conduct for this world and for all worlds. Failure to live by this law causes the chief sorrow and collisions among men.

Let each earnest man search into his words and ways, determined to find the special manner in which he breaks the Golden Rule—his special habit that works injustice or unfairness. I think about his office, his home, his city. He will find, perhaps, that in the shop he is in the habit of misplacing tools, and this hinders the work of his comrades; that in the office he is in the habit of being late in keeping appointments, and thus steals other people's time; that in the club he is in the habit of belittling worthy competitors, and thus joins the gang of thieves who steal reputations; that in the home he is in the habit of monopolizing the conversation, and thus fails to draw out the powers of others; that in the city he is in the habit of spitting on the sidewalk, and thus spoils the comfort of his townsmen; that in business he is in the habit of misrepresenting his goods, and thus robs under the cover of custom.

There are problems in the Golden Rule, and here are ample space and verge for New Year resolutions—space and verge for building character, character which is the greatest thing in man.

Mrs. Henry, Iroton, thirty-five years of age, died at Chickasha.

TELLS OF PANAMA DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

HOW BROADWAY USHERS IN NEW YEAR

George T. Reed, Leader correspondent in Panama, known to all young people of this city, has in his budget this time a splendid description of the great dynamite disaster on the isthmus, being 800 feet distant when the explosion occurred.

Bas Obispo, Canal Zone, Panama, Dec. 20: I can not describe the awful scene which your wires have long ago mentioned when the dynamite disaster occurred. I had passed through the cut and was some 800 feet beyond the danger line. I have seen men cut to pieces when on road construction work and presumed they were as awful as could be, but nothing I ever saw equalled the indescribable ruin which followed the disaster here of December 12th.

Fifty-two holes had been driven fifty feet into the solid rock formation. Each was fifteen feet apart and contained 550 pounds of 45 degree dynamite. Thirty men were working there when the explosion occurred. Quite a body of men were passing through the cut enroute to dinner yesterday.

Following the detonation which fell of men and trees and threw rocks, dirt and miscellaneous materials into the air, accompanied by a smoke so dense you could not see your hands, I fell for a moment that the earth had been destroyed. Spaniards and Jamaican negroes were lying all around, some mercifully killed, others torn and mangled until strong-hearted men had to lift their heads as the great fellows were put on stretchers for the American hospital.

The Bas Obispo hospital doctor and nurses cared for the wounded as fast as they could, and, seemingly instantaneously—no perfect discipline—the American staff of surgeons and nurses on a special train arrived and took charge. The hospital train was loaded after the disaster and rendered aid and suffered were soon in what is perhaps the best hospital in the Tropics zone. It is operated by the government and one could not conceive the vast amount of articles all ready for use without seeing them.

Awful Wreckage. One steam shovel near the work was so completely destroyed no particle of it was found larger than your thumbnail. The engineer was an American and four negroes were with him.

Only pieces were found. Four steam shovels were put to work to excavate for the dead and bodies are being found each day. Only those who have been in Uncle Sam's service can understand how well and how fast our countrymen do their job.

The sanitary officials keep the ground from becoming infected by the odor from the decaying bodies and debris is almost beyond endurance. So far twenty-one have been found of the dead and fifty-nine were injured, but others are not accounted for. (Since this was written the death list has mounted to 33—Ed.), and perhaps some of them are under that awful place.

The accident broke down strong men and none seem to have the vim since the event that was characteristic of the entire crew previously.

Officials have made the most strenuous investigation, and it seems one of those catastrophes no one can foresee or avoid. The government employs the most experienced men and has the best of equipment, and investigation has borne out the first opinion—premature explosion.

Baseball Ready. The baseball season is on here and we have more than two good clubs.

Season tickets are \$10 each and box tickets run higher. Grounds for ball and tennis and all outdoor sports are to be had for the asking. When you have done the government a day's work you are at liberty to enjoy any sport you wish to. But I wish to assure friends who write about "snaps" I am a long way from home and if we could any "snaps" my superior officers did not report them to the or to those above them. This is not "Snapsville."

Miscellaneous Matters. There are many social organizations and the women have their clubs the same as at home. There is, I note, trouble at home about filtration plants, so I append account of Canal Zone notice.

The filtration plant at Mount Hope is now in operation and filtered water has been supplied to Colon, Cristobal and Mount Hope since December 1. A boiler and air pump have been installed at the Brazos Brook reservoir from which an air pipe runs to the bottom of the gate house and discharges air into the water through a perforated grid, so that all the water supply from Brazos Brook reservoir is filtered in the gate house. This improvement has removed the disagreeable taste and odor which have been noticeable in the water from the reservoir at certain times of the year. The same system was installed at the Rio Grande reservoir in October, 1907, and has given excellent results.

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From The New York Press.

A million dollars' worth of food and drink will be consumed within a few hours on New Year's eve along Broadway in the mile between the Hoffman house and the Hotel Astor. Three-quarters of this vast sum will be spent for the drink which is to wash down the other quarter's worth of food. A hundred thousand bottles of champagne will be emptied in speeding the last few seconds of the old year and in welcoming the early hours of the new. The comparatively few thousands of people in the great hotels and restaurants—those who have reserved their tables there, some of them months and even a year ago—will spend most of the money. The numerable throng surging up and down the street outside will make most of the noise.

Never before, so the Broadway hotel and restaurant men say, has there been such a tremendous demand for tables, and never before have the marauders been ransacked for costly and curious foods with which to load them. Prices in of small restaurants are a host or better if he or she can have some special menu for the New Year's party that will have the stamp of originality and novelty. For the first time in thirty years there is a little buffalo meat to be had in New York. There are also wild boar steaks from Russia, quail from Egypt, shrimps from Norway and bear meat from Canada.

But such things as taste or any long-dormant vices are as nothing compared with the wines when one comes to the year's last milestone and starts to celebrate it with much money down Broadway.

Probably nowhere else in the world can such a vast variety of rare and costly wines be found as in the list of these great hotels and restaurants. The cheapest champagne on New Year's eve will be \$5 a quart. In most of the places along Broadway one will have to drink champagne or else go dry, for nothing else will be served after 10 o'clock. That means that nothing cheaper than champagne can be had. If a man wanted a bumper or of something or hypocrissos or something or something else that the well waiter had never heard of and which was extravagantly expensive, undoubtedly he could get it if it was so to be had.

Of music in these great eating places there will be a surfeit also on New Year's eve. Every restaurant will have an orchestra in each dining room. Where there are a dozen rooms for instance, there will be a dozen orchestras hard at work all the evening. These orchestras will average eight to a score of musicians each, and there will be many of them along this crowded Broadway mile.

Close to \$5,000 worth of souvenirs will be given away by the restaurants to their patrons. They range from aluminum to "blinking" and between the two extremes are fans and ladies' bags and bronze statues of Father Knickerbocker. There isn't room to inflate the balloons indoors—one place will give away 5,000 and another almost as many, each as big as the full moon looks on a summer's night, and so men up on the roofs are busy now filling them with gas and making them ready.

The people who throng the restaurants will be New Yorkers mostly, but there will be a big proportion of folk from cities near and far. And the hotel men say some persons are coming from such distant places as Omaha and New Orleans just to take part in the night's festivities. Those thousands who throng the streets, none of whom can enter the biggest restaurants unless he has a card of admission, will come from all over town and from every place within an hour or two's ride of the city.

All in all, the preparations for welcoming 1909 are the most lavish on record. Take the Hotel Knickerbocker's program, for instance.

The dining rooms will be bordered in green and festooned with red satin ribbon. There will be fifty gowns that will act as pages. Each will be dressed to represent Father Knickerbocker—with powdered wig and in costume of a bygone day. They will wear coats of sky-blue satin, ties and cuffs of lace, long waists of white satin, trousers of the same stuff of crimson color, white silk stockings and patent leather pumps with heavy gold buckles. On their heads will be carried twelve of these boys will be stationed in each room, in various parts, when midnight approaches. As the hour strikes, the lights for a moment will go out. Each boy will utter a shout on his dress and the figure "1909" will shine out, lit up in electric light on his cocked hat. These boys will distribute big toy balloons. It is expected that many of the diners will tie the cords of these bobbing

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